Pillai, one of the Members of the Select Committee, has recorded a dissenting minute in regard to "sums found due on settlement of accounts" being treated as "advance". With this exception, the amending Bill has been approved by the Committee, and I beg to move that their Report be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Kesava Pillai.—Sir, I submit that I am unable to agree to the principle permitting "money or money's worth or both, found due on a settlement of accounts" being, under any circumstances, treated as "advance". Such a provision would lead to the possibility of employers compelling workmen under their power, to enter into new agreements, thus placing the workmen in a state of perpetual bondage. But I have no objection to payments made during the currency of the contract being treated as "advance". I therefore adhere to my view already recorded in my dissenting note. Further, the expression "money's worth" is not sufficiently definite and includes many things other than provisions and clothing, which latter alone are ordinarily supplied to the workmen. It also appears inexpedient and unreasonable to treat all sorts of things as "advance" within the meaning of this special law. I therefore propose that the words "or provisions or clothing or any one or more of them" be substituted for the words "or money's worth or both," wherever these occur in Section I, and that the words "during the continuance of such contract" be substituted for the words "all moneys or money's worth or both, found due &c..... the parties".

Seconded by Mr. Easwara Pillai.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill, as now amended, be read again on a future day of which due notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE SALT BILL.

Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Salt Bill. The Bill has been recast by the Select Committee in consultation with Mr. N. Raman Pillai, the Excise Commissioner. The Report with the amended Bill was published in the Gazette and copies thereof have been distributed among the Members. However, as I understand that the Excise Commissioner would like to have more time, before the provisions of the Bill are discussed in the Council, I beg to move that the Report be taken up for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Padmanabha Iyer.

Carried.

THE COURT FEES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to present the Report, on the Court Fees Bill, of the Select Committee appointed on 15-4-1086. It will be seen therefrom that Schedule I has been completely recast, adopting the existing rates of *ad valorem* fees, in the place of the higher British Indian rates provided in the original Bill. I hope that the amended Bill will meet with the approval of the Council and I beg to move that it be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

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